

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended): An optical receptacle comprising:
a fiber stub;
a holder directly fixing the fiber stub; and
a sleeve into which the fiber stub is inserted, having a thicker portion directly holding the fiber stub;
wherein the thicker portion has an outer surface of a periphery of the thicker portion not ~~connecting~~ contacting with the holder.
5. (Original): The optical receptacle according to claim 4, wherein a length of the thicker portion of the sleeve is shorter than an insertion length of the fiber stub.
6. (Original): The optical receptacle according to claim 4, wherein the thicker portion is 1.5 to 2.5 times as thick as the other portion.
7. (Original): The optical receptacle according to claim 6, wherein the thicker portion has an inner diameter equal to that of the other portion and an outer diameter larger than that of the other portion.
8. (Original): The optical receptacle according to claim 4, wherein chamfer of a corner around a front end of the fiber stub is 0.1 mm or below.
9. (Currently Amended): An optical receptacle comprising:

a ceramic precision sleeve for holding a plug ferrule, having an outer surface of its periphery;

~~wherein~~ a metal holder is provided at a rear end of the outer surface of the precision sleeve, and;

a metal flange ~~which is electrically insulated from the metal holder~~ is provided on ~~an~~ the outer surface of the precision sleeve separately from the metal holder.

10-12. (Canceled)

13. (Original): The optical receptacle according to claim 9, wherein a stub, which includes a ceramic ferrule of the same material as the precision sleeve and an optical fiber being inserted and held in the ferrule, is pressed and fixed into the precision sleeve.

14. (Canceled)

15. (New) The optical receptacle according to claim 9, wherein the metal flange is electrically insulated from the metal holder.